

S.C. DIVISION OF AAUW Board Meeting

October 11, 1986

A Division Board meeting and Fall Conference was held on October 11, 1986 at the Holiday Inn in Anderson. The meeting was called to order by the President, Lelia White, at 9:05. Dr. Richard Woodruff, Anderson City Manager, welcomed us and made appropriate remarks about our organization. Greetings were brought by Marian Satre, Anderson Branch President and Conference Chairman, who also thanked committee members individually. Mrs. White extended a special welcome to Helen Landers, S.A. Regional Director, and to past Division presidents, Myra Bregger, Melba Sprague and Judi Gustafson.

The minutes of the July Division Board meeting were accepted as circulated.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Jane Sloman, Treasurer, passed out copies of her treasurer's report showing income of \$3890.54 since the beginning of our year with expenses of \$847.42. We had \$4835.71 in our checking account as of 9/30/86 and \$4000 in a CD. A motion was made by Mrs. Sloman, seconded and passed that we accept the treasurer's report.

Registrar's Report: 72 members had registered for the conference, 66 were here at this time.

EFP: Brena Walker, Chairman, introduced Lucille Wassman who had attended the EFP workshop in Washington in August for the Division. She will be the EFP chairman next year. Mrs. Walker made these announcements: Named gift certificates will be presented at lunch; items are for sale around sides of room or being raffled by several branches to benefit EFP; the Association has approved the Judy Resnick Fellowship and is asking each AAUW member to give \$1 in memory of this outstanding astronaut. Each branch which contributes \$1 for each member will have its name placed on a plaque to be given to NASA next June.

Tributes were read in memory of members who had died this year as follows:

To Margaret Givens, long time member and EFP leader, one read by Kay Creamer of Rock Hill and one by Buelah Flynn Brazzell of Columbia. Miss Givens had been a member of both these branches, and died in June.

To Henrietta Lesesne by Marge Grier of Due West who died in August. She was a charter member of the Due West branch.

Mrs. Walker announced that we were within \$7,000 of reaching the \$100,000 for the Rosamonde Boyd Endowment. Mrs. Thurmond noted that it would be great to complete this soon as the first Boyd scholar will be appointed in October. However she will not receive full support, nor will any future scholar until the \$100,000 is reached. Our Bregger and Wheat Fellowships have now reached over \$25,000 each.

Legislative Activities: Barbara Moxon, Chairperson, reported on the following with action taken as indicated:

...New Brochure: Copies of the 1986-87 Legislative/Membership Brochure have been printed, with thanks to Judi Gustafson. Quantities were given to each branch leader according to their size. Branch leaders were urged to use them for membership promotion and member education on our legislative positions. More are available in limited numbers.

...Legislative Day: Feb. 25 is the date and Association President Sarah Harder will be with us and give the keynote speech. We will be inviting our new Governor as luncheon speaker and ask Mrs. Harder to respond to his message. We expect to have a panel of legislators and in the afternoon to hold a press conference and lobby and observe the Legislature in session.

ACTION ALERT: Members were urged to subscribe to Action Alert to be informed and take action on federal legislation. Blanks are available on back table.

Legislative Action Needed: 1) AAUW is supporting a bill, S.519, now in the Senate which would authorize a study of the federal pay system to see if sex discrimination is a factor in determining wages in predominantly female jobs. Mrs. Sloman moved that we send a mailgram to our two U.S. Senators urging their support of S.519. Motion was seconded and passed.

2) Mrs. Moxon reported also on HR4300 the Family and Medical Leave Act which AAUW supports. She urged everyone present to write or telegraph her Congressman urging support of this bill without weakening amendments.

3) Success in Congress: the Higher Education Act which AAUW has been lobbying for very strongly, has passed with our recommended amendments to ensure equal treatment of women in student aid policies and programs, etc.

An ERA FACTS & ACTION GUIDE is now available for \$5. Anyone desiring to order one should see Mrs. Moxon later.

S.C. Coalition for Choice: This organization works to implement our position on reproductive rights and Mrs. Moxon serves on their board. The Division is a member and branches and individuals were urged to join. A brochure with the particulars is available at the back of the room.

Voting Records of Candidates: Members were urged to observe the voting records of candidates reported in the PALMETTO LEAF. Mrs. Moxon asked how many branches were doing a vote project or holding candidate forums. Several responded.

Ad Hoc Project for Division Travel & Branch Service: Mrs. Milstead reported that all branches were asked to do a self study last summer. Forms were sent out and almost all branches participated. She, Brena Walker and Marguerite Carpenter served as a committee to review the reports and choose those branches who will receive special attention. The branches chosen are Charleston, Florence and Gaffney with Denmark as an alternate. Division officers will visit these branches to give services needed. Branches not chosen this year can be considered next year. Those who did not file their report on time can be considered also if they return the completed self study. If our budget allows we shall have phase II of this project next year.

Endorsements for S.C. Division's Candidate for Regional Director: Myra Bregger, member of our Division for 40 years, presented the Division's endorsement of Judi Gustafson, immediate past S.C. Division President, for nomination as Regional Director from the South Atlantic Region. She and Miss Moseley stressed that the Association nominating committee must receive lots of endorsement letters from branches and individuals as well as our Division endorsement. These are due by Dec. 1st. Judi has the forms and 12 copies must be sent to the Nominating Committee. Postage will cost 56¢.

Next Year's Board: Mrs. Milstead as president-elect requested each branch to make suggestions of members to be considered for appointment to the Division Board for 1987-89. Blanks will be given to each branch and can be returned to her.

Three elected positions are to be filled by vote at convention in April: VP for Program, Treasurer and Corres. Secretary. The Nominating Committee chaired by Marguerite Carpenter needs suggestions by November 1st.

Revised Leadership Directories were given out. The President announced that Marian Carroll of Anderson is replacing Marty Lancaster as Public Information Director for the rest of this year. Other corrections were noted. An addendum with corrections

and additions will be sent.

It was announced that 2 excellent publications available from the Association, among others, are a "Media Resource Guide" and "Inequality of Sacrifice - the Reagan Budget".

Press Releases about today's conference were handed out to branch leaders by Marian Carroll with the suggestion to localize them with names of those attending. Also select comments of speakers could be inserted for more interest.

Final registration report: Members attending - 71, branches represented - 18 out of 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

At the luncheon, awards were made to 30 named grant honorees for EFP.

During the afternoon, from 1 to 4, participants in the Leadership Training Workshop attended their second session (first held Friday evening) and other members listened to a panel discussion on "Protecting Academic Freedom" Eleanor Marshall-White of Beaufort Branch moderated the panel consisting of Dan Barron for the American Library Asso., Steven Bates of the ACLU, and Carolyn S. Brown of the American Asso. of University Professors. Following this panel Helen Landers, S.A. Regional Director led a program on AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund involving an impromptu skit with three members taking part. An offering was taken up for the Legal Advocacy Fund totalling \$139.35.

New Women's Work/Women's Worth Chairperson was introduced Adrienne Reeves of the Summerville Branch. Adrienne spoke briefly about this issue, handing out samples of materials which could be ordered. She also gave out postals addressed to her to each branch president or other leader, asking that they be returned within 2 months with a statement about their branch activities on Women's Worth/Women's Work.

Barbara W. Moxon
Secretary